



# **Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is requesting public comment on proposed amendment and adoption of rules regarding the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program.

## **Reasonable Necessity**

In 2009, the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program underwent a legislative performance audit. The audit report concluded that the program lacked a strategic plan and may not reach its full potential. The audit report recommended that a strategic plan be established that identified long-term goals and objectives with performance measurements that align with statutory requirements. Additionally, the audit report identified the need for a citizens' advisory council whose primary purpose was to advise the department on the development of the strategic program plan. The council's final recommendations were articulated in the 2011 strategic plan and adopted by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission. In response to these actions, the department is proposing amendment and adoption of rules to align with the strategic plan and to provide greater clarity for program implementation.

## **COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINES**

**The deadline for public comment on proposed amendment and adoption of rules regarding the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program is Friday, April 13, 2012.**

## **TO COMMENT**

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Bureau office at 406-444-2612. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded links below can be found under "Opportunity for Public Comment" on the Hunting home page at the fwp.mt.gov website. Written comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Public Comment, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. Please note comment deadlines.

<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/publicComments/ugbProposedAmendment.html>